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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: JULY 20 COMPACT MEETING IN
BAGHDAD CANCELLED

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¶1. In response to reftel demarche, poloff met with Director of Development Cooperation Division Choe Cheol-kyu, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (MOFAT) International Economic Affairs Bureau, to convey appreciation for the ROKG's willingness to attend the Iraq Compact meeting. Choe stated that the ROKG firmly supported the Iraq Compact process and that while the original July 20 date had to be postponed, it was important for the various invited nations to gather soon.

¶2. Choe noted that the MOFAT had not yet identified an official point of contact for the Iraq Compact as it was being handled out of MOFAT's Economic Affairs Bureau and the Middle East Division. The Bureau and the Division needed to coordinate to identify such a person.

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